

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for management of resources of a portable resource module, the resource module connected to a communication terminal and designed in particular as a chipcard and the resources comprising electronic memory units, the method comprising:

transmitting a first resource management instruction, ~~comprising a module identification identifying the resource module;~~ for making ready or releasing resources to a resource management centre external to the resource module, the first resource management instruction comprising a module identification identifying the resource module;

determining in the external resource management centre if sufficient resources are available in the resource module identified through the module identification to meet requirements of the first resource management instruction;

transmitting a second resource management instruction from the external resource management centre via an external ~~communication~~ telecommunication network to the resource module identified through the module identification;

making ready or releasing resources, in accordance with the received second resource management instruction, through a resource control mechanism in the identified resource module;

transmitting a resource management confirmation from the identified resource module via the ~~communication~~ telecommunication network to the external resource management centre; and

storing information in the external resource management centre about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1,
wherein the module identification and an application request are transmitted by the user of the communication terminal to an application management unit,
wherein the first resource management instruction is transmitted by the application management unit to the resource management centre on the basis of the received application request, the first resource management instruction comprising a resource user identification, and
wherein the resource user identification is stored, assigned to the module identification, in the resource management centre.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 2,
wherein a resource preparation confirmation is transmitted from the resource management centre to the application management unit,
wherein an application installation request is transmitted from the application management unit via the ~~communication~~ external telecommunication network to the particular resource module,
wherein an application is installed in the particular resource module through the resource control mechanism in accordance with the application installation request using the prepared resources, and
wherein information about the installed application is stored in the application management unit, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1,

wherein in the resource management centre an application installation request is inserted into the second resource management instruction,

wherein an application is installed in the particular resource module through the resource control mechanism in accordance with the application installation request, and

wherein information about the installed application is stored in the resource management centre, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the communication address of the communication terminal is determined from a data store in which module identifications and communication addresses assigned to these module identifications are stored.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein managed in addition are software resources of the resource modules.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

a plurality of portable resource modules, each connected to a communication terminal and each comprising a resource control mechanism for making ready and releasing resources in the respective resource module, the resources comprising electronic memory units, and the portable resource modules are designed as chipcards, and

a resource management centre, external to the plurality of portable resource modules, including a receiving module for receiving a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification, transmitted to the external resource management centre, the external resource management centre also including a management instruction module for transmitting, to the resource module identified by the module identification, a second

resource management instruction via an external ~~communication~~ telecommunication network connected to the external resource management centre,

wherein the resource modules each include a confirmation module for transmission of a resource management confirmation via the ~~communication~~ external telecommunication network to the external resource management centre concerning resources which have been made ready or released through the resource control mechanism in accordance with a received second resource management instruction, and

the external resource management centre includes a management module and a data store for storing information about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7,

wherein the system includes an application management unit for receiving the module identification and an application request from the user of the communication terminal and for transmitting the first resource management instruction to the resource management centre on the basis of the received application request,

the first resource management instruction includes a resource user identification, and wherein the management module includes means for storing in the data store the resource user identification in a way assigned to the module identification.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 8,

wherein the resource management module includes a confirmation module for transmission of a resource preparation confirmation to the application management unit,

wherein the application management unit includes an application instructions module for transmitting an application installation request via the ~~communication~~ external telecommunication network to the particular resource module,

wherein the resource control mechanism includes means for installing an application in the respective resource module in accordance with the application installation request and using the prepared resources, and

wherein the application management unit includes an application management module for storing information about the installed application, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7,

wherein the management instruction module includes means for inserting an application installation request into the second resource management instruction,

wherein the resource control mechanism includes means of installing an application in the respective resource module in accordance with the application installation request, and

wherein the management module includes means for storing information about the installed application, the information being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7,

wherein the system comprises an address mapping unit and a data store for determining the communication address of the communication terminal in which data store module identifications and communication addresses assigned to these module identifications are stored.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7,
wherein the resources which are made ready and released through the resource control mechanism further comprise, in addition, software resources.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A resource management centre for management of resources of portable resource modules, the resource management centre external to the resource modules, each portable resource module being connected to a communication terminal, and each portable resource module comprising a resource control mechanism for making ready and releasing resources in the respective resource module, the resources comprising electronic memory units, and which portable resource modules are designed in particular as chipcards, comprising:

a receiving module for receiving a first resource management instruction for making ready or releasing resources, comprising a module identification, transmitted to the external resource management centre, the first resource management instruction comprising a module identification identifying the resource module;

a determining module for determining if sufficient resources are available in the resource module identified through the module identification to meet requirements of the first resource management instruction;

a management instruction module for transmitting, to the resource module identified through the module identification, a second resource management instruction via an external ~~communication~~ telecommunication network connectible to the external resource management centre;

means for receiving a resource management confirmation via the telecommunication ~~communication~~ network from the identified resource module concerning resources which

have been made ready or released through the resource control mechanism in accordance with the received second resource management instruction; and

a management module and a data store for storing information about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored in a way assigned to the module identification.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The resource management centre according to claim 13,

wherein the management instruction module further comprises means for inserting an application installation request into the second resource management instruction, and

wherein the management module further comprises means for storing information about an application installed in the particular resource module in accordance with the application installation request, the information being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The resource management centre according to claim 13 further comprising:

a confirmation module for transmitting a resource preparation confirmation to an application management unit from which the first resource management instruction was received by the receiving module,

wherein the management module further comprises means for storing a resource user identification contained in the first resource management instruction, the resource user identification being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store.